

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 17-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 18 is canceled thereby rendering the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, moot.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1, 3, 5-10, 17 and 19 are in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Solely to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled claim 18. Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-10, 17 and 19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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